

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans

Property or Properties: Dells of the Wisconsin River SNA

Year Master Plan was Approved: 1997

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Real Estate Mtg.	Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire acreage within the expanded project boundary totaling 1,065 acres.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>none</i>

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Natural Community Mtg.	<u>Northern Dry-Mesic Forest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of invasive exotic species when found South of Witches Gulch, several planed spruce and fir trees will be removed <u>Northern Mesic Forest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of invasive exotic species <u>Southern Dry-Mesic Forest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of invasive exotic species Small-scale prescribed burns in some areas Planted conifers in the mixed oak areas will be harvested in conjunction with pine plantation management on adjoining stands.
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	<p><u>Mixed Dry Forest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest of the merchantable jack pine may occur • Black locust trees will be controlled using basal bark applications of herbicides. • Savanna management will consist of removal of invasive exotics, thinning non-native and native understory trees, and plying prescribed fire. <p><u>Dry Prairie</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of woody species and prescribed fire <p><u>Floodplain Forest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of exotic species when found <p><u>Exposed and Shaded Cliffs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment and enforcement of closed zones prohibiting visitor access to sensitive cliff and canyon areas • Monitoring by conducting periodic population censuses of each species <p><u>Conifer Plantations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinning large pines <p><u>Alder Thicket/Shrub Swamp</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of invasive exotic species if found <p><u>Open Wetland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of invasive exotic species if found <p><u>Agricultural Land/Pasture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of invasive exotic species <p><u>Old Field</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of invasive exotic species if found
<p>Accomplishments 2013</p>	<p><i>Sprayed Garlic Mustard, Honeysuckle, some Barberry</i> <i>Mowed Parsnip and Japanese Knotweed</i> <i>Portions of Crandal Pines were set up for a thinning. Completed in March 2013</i> <i>Tracy Farms were set up for a thinning and a clearcut. Completer in March 2013</i></p>

Property-wide

<p>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Rare Plant Mtg.</p>	<p><u>Rare Cliff Plants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment and enforcement of closed zones prohibiting visitor access to sensitive cliff and canyon areas • Monitoring by conducting periodic population censuses of each species <p><u>Fragrant Fern</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop monitoring plan to help determine the efficacy of this augmentation program <p><u>Lapland Rosebay</u></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closely monitor and take remedial action if the population is immediately threatened.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>Maintained signs for closed areas</i> <i>Patrolled Natural Area to keep public out of closed areas</i>

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Wildlife Mtg. and Hunting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary wildlife management on the property will be control of deer populations through hunting Small game hunting will be allowed in accordance with the regular seasons, except for spring wild turkey hunting Furbearer trapping will be allowed in accordance with the state regulations Monitor hunting particularly during the first years of open seasons to determine if any safety concerns or user conflicts necessitate modifications to the hunting seasons.
Accomplishments 2013	<i>Hunting and trapping continues on all areas of the property with the exception of closed areas</i>

Property-wide

MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Recreation Mtg.	<u>Public Access</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a closed zone along canyon area on both sides of the river corridor where the rock outcrops and steep cliffs are located
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Accomplishments 2013	<i>Maintained signs and patrol property for violations</i>
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MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES Education and Interpretation	<u>Planned interpretive projects</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambrian Overlook • Chapel Gorge Trail • Crandall Pines • Educational Material • Additional Cooperative Efforts
Accomplishments 2013	<i>Cambrian Overlook, Crandall Pines and Chapel Gorge are open to the public. Educational materials are available at Rocky Arbor.</i>